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Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since George A. Detherage lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Alma V. Massey, during a solemn ceremony on June 29, 1957, at the home of the bride in Hartford City, Indiana; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, George and Alma Detherage have had the pleasure of raising three children, Debbie, Russell, and Amy, and the privilege of spoiling five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, George Detherage has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes working in construction for two years, at Wonder Bakery for five years, at an auto parts business for fifteen years, for the federal government at Fort Wood for thirteen years, and then retired from the medical field in 1990; and by serving as an adult Sunday school teacher for twenty-six years and as a deacon for civil service for twenty-seven years; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Alma Detherage further distinguished herself by working at the H.D. Lee Plant of Lebanon for seven years, Lebanon Auto Supply for ten years, and at her church; and

Whereas, during their half century together, George and Alma Detherage have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Detherage of Lebanon commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with trips to Colorado and Alaska:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to George and Alma Detherage and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. George A. Detherage.

Offered by	
	Representative Darrell Pollock
	District No. 146

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4410, adopted August 8, 2007.